

State Service-Learning Advisory Council (Exec. Committee)
October 7, 2003
Inn at the Grand Glaize, Lake of the Ozarks

In attendance: Beth Nickle, Maureen Cunningham, Donna Halsband, Scott Miniea, Jan Schuster, Stephanie Hill, Steve Henness

Membership guidelines and terms: The executive committee discussed membership guidelines and terms for members. They agreed on one year terms for committee chairs, appointed by the chairperson. The executive committee will consist of the chair, student chair, secretary, supervisor, past chair, and committee chairs.

Task forces: The committee discussed the use of task forces, which could be developed around specific issues with a sunset date.

Filling vacant council seats: The position vs. person strategy was discussed, regarding filling council seats. The group agreed there should be no obligation for a new person in a position previously represented on the council to assume that council seat. Vacant seats will be filled because the person is committed to the goals of the council and represents a service-learning constituency.

Combining committees: The committee decided on combining the marketing and advocacy committees. Scott and Donna agreed to co-chair. The service-learning video could be marketed on CD, including other resources. The video will be used in Service-Learning 101 at the national conference.

Legislation: Scott updated the committee on his meeting with Danie Moore, and the strategy for introducing service-learning legislation. Scott has met with DM twice. She will introduce the bill and concurrent resolution simultaneously. It is a K-12 bill right now, not K-H. There is still a question if Mike Gibbins will sponsor the bill on the Senate side. If not, Scott asked if there is another legislator who might. Jan will follow up with MG. Scott needs more talking points for service-learning. The bill would not mean service-learning would be mandatory. The concurrent resolution will be a good alternative if the bill does not pass. It would not have the force of law, but would set a precedent and would effect future legislation that is introduced.

Nonprofitization: Donna spoke with Sue Richards of the Nonprofit Services Consortium in St. Louis, funded by Kellogg. The Higher Ed Task Force has been a member of the consortium from the beginning. The council would remain its own entity but use the Consortium's IRS number. The council would not need its own number. Committee members discussed that the council could use the Consortium for a while, obtain grants, and eventually become its own 501c3.

Stephanie has visited with the KC Foundation as another option. It would cost the council \$700 per year until \$70,000 in assets were built up, then it would cost 1% of the balance. With the Foundation, there may be tighter controls on spending.

The exec. committee brainstormed a list of follow-up questions for Donna to ask the Nonprofit Consortium:

- How much does it cost?
- How easy to manage own funds, control?
- Grantwriter on staff or by contract?
- Ease of moving/leaving the group?
- Capacity to manage another account?
- Capacity to manage a statewide focused account?
- Copy of other agencies served?
- Strategic plan for the consortium?
- Limits on advocacy/lobbying?
- Provide legal services?

Next meeting: Next meeting of the full council will be Wedn., Nov. 12.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Henness